

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A plate supplying apparatus 1 allows, when taking out a plate P from a cassette 2 and transporting the plate toward an image recording apparatus 8, a support section 33 to operate such  
5 that the pivot angle of the support section 33 follows an optimum path based on the type of a plate P to be transported. In addition, upon control of the pivot operation of the support section 33, it is not necessary to control the pivot position of the support  
10 section 33, and a rotation drive pulse RP is easily generated so as to synchronize with a linear motion drive pulse DP outputted from a control section of the image recording apparatus 8. In the plate supplying apparatus 1, when a plate P stored in the cassette 2 is held via suction, only suction pads 31 are brought into contact  
15 with a plate P to be transported, and when the plate P is transported by transport rollers 51 and 52, the suction pads 31 do not contact with the plate P.